

## Miller & Rhoads

## Winter Stocks at Remnant Prices

Such is the condition of affairs in various parts of the Miller & Rhoads store. Wherever there are odd and broken lots and remnants of this season's goods you'll find BARGAINS, and this Friday's sale is to close them out:

### Special Sales Include

REMNANTS of Dress Goods, Silks, Wash Goods, Embroideries and various small articles about the main floor.

THE BIG BOOK SALE of odd and shop-worn volumes in the Basement.

THE LACE CURTAIN AND UPHOLSTERY CLEARING SALE on the third floor.

THE BIG MARK-DOWN SALE OF READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS—Suits, Coats, Dresses, Furs, Waists and Skirts, on the second floor.

Together with odd lots of CORSETS, KNIT AND MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, CHILDREN'S GARMENTS, and much other worthy merchandise at EXTRAORDINARY PRICE REDUCTIONS throughout the store.

The opportunities for Bargain Buying were never so plentiful. Visit the store TO-DAY.

MILLER & RHOADS.

## FURNITURE PLANT WRECKED BY FIRE

Consolidated Company's Establishment in South Richmond Totally Destroyed.

Fire of unknown origin last night totally destroyed the plant of the Consolidated Furniture Company, located on a strip of land owned by the city of Richmond, in Chesterfield county, near Maury Cemetery. The fire, which was discovered at 6:30 o'clock by J. W. Brinser, of the firm of E. C. Brinser & Sons, started in the office of the plant and spread rapidly. Before the arrival of Engine Company No. 13, the whole building was in flames. No work could have saved the plant, and all energy was devoted to keeping the flames from reaching the adjoining factories. Although the firemen had great difficulty in getting water and were handicapped by piles of snow-covered lumber, they did great work. With the high wind blowing directly towards the wood-working plant of E. C. Brinser & Sons, it appeared for a while as if they were also doomed. Within 100 feet of the fire, the chemical engine in turning to the side on the narrow road, to avoid running over a crowd of spectators, went into a three-foot ditch. A forty-horse-power automobile was pressed into service, but was unable to budge the engine. Securing a long rope, the firemen attached it to the engine, and about 150 men and boys managed to haul the engine pulled the big wagon out of the ditch. Just what the damage will amount to could not be ascertained last night, although it was stated that it will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The building was 60x200 feet and was two stories high. It was constructed of wood, covered with sheet iron. The principal loss, it was stated, was from the unfinished furniture, which was stored in the place. The whole sky was lit up and in the city people thought there was a tremendous fire.

### MONUMENT TO WOMEN

Inquiry if Virginia Has Man Who Will Put Up the Money.

It is suggested by those in charge of the movement for the erection of a monument to the women of the Confederacy that perhaps there is a man in this State who has \$10,000 which he would like to devote to this purpose. The idea came from General C. Irvine Walker, grand commander of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans, who is also chairman of the committee on a woman's monument.

A letter to Attorney General Samuel W. Williams, chairman of the committee, General Walker transmitted a letter from General Julian S. Carr, of Virginia, N. C. General Carr says: "I have the good fortune to have a Christmas gift of a \$10,000 subscription for the erection of a monument to the women of the Confederacy. I am, my friend, Colonel Ashley H. Hays, and I am glad to be placed on the grounds of the Capitol at Raleigh." General Walker adds: "Have you a man in Virginia who can do like this?"

### CREDITORS PETITION

Judge Waddill Asked to Declare Lumber Company a Bankrupt.

A petition praying that the H. L. Brown Lumber Company, of Stafford county, be declared a bankrupt was filed yesterday in the office of Judge of the United States District Court.

A petition asking for a receiver was filed in the same court by the same party. The petitioners are the creditors of the company.

Creditors, who include Catherine P. Mackey and Thomas M. Mackey, administrators of Joseph H. Mackey; Frank H. Herndon, and William J. Macomber, want to have the company's assets liquidated and the proceeds distributed to the creditors.

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**UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS**

## WATSON PRESENTS HIS RESIGNATION

Leaves Fourth Judicial Circuit Bench to Make Race for Congress.

### COURT WORK ENDS ON JAN. 20

Judge Who Presided at Beattie Trial Will Oppose Turn-bull.

The official resignation of Judge Walter A. Watson, of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, was received yesterday afternoon at the office of Governor Mann, the resignation to take effect January 20. As announced heretofore, this step was taken by Judge Watson in order that he might become a candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. His letter follows:

"Having determined to stand for Congress in my district at the primary of the coming summer, and having concluded as nearly as I can the public business in the courts, begun or unfinished before me, I tender my resignation as judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, to take effect on January 20 next.

"With grateful memory of the kindness and courtesy of all the people in whose courts it has been my privilege to preside, I am, with great respect,

WALTER A. WATSON."

While Judge Watson has behind him a long and honorable career in the public service, it was perhaps as presiding judge at the Beattie murder trial that he won the greatest praise and fame. For his conduct of that trial he received universal praise and commendation, so that it was not being his decisions that the attorneys for the defense could find no foothold upon which to obtain a retrial from the Supreme Court.

In addition to serving as Commonwealth's Attorney of Nottoway, Judge Watson was a member of the Constitutional Convention, and for several terms representative of his county in the General Assembly. He was elected judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit by the General Assembly of 1906, after a hot fight, in which George Mason, of Petersburg, was his opponent.

In the forthcoming Democratic primary Judge Watson will have as his opponent Congressman Robert Turnbull. The record and great popularity of Judge Watson promises a campaign that will be memorable.

Several men have been mentioned as his successor, prominent among whom are Robert G. Southall, of Amelia; Branch Eppes, of Nottoway, and Willis B. Smith.

### CHAMPION OF WOMEN IN DISTRESS

C. T. Smith, of Nelson county, the man who when a member of the Virginia Legislature had passed the bill which enables women to hold their property as their own, is desperately ill at the Johnston Hospital, and in dire financial straits. In an interview yesterday he said that he hopes that those women whose property his bill saved will come to his assistance.

## BANK REQUIRES MORE ROOM NOW

Savings Bank of Richmond Preparing for Greatly Enlarged Quarters.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Bank of Richmond was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the banking house, where the officers showing a healthy growth of business during the past year. The present quarters of the bank were stated to be entirely inadequate to the growing business, and extensive improvements are contemplated which will increase the working facilities and also provide special accommodations for women transacting business with the institution.

Directors were elected as follows: B. A. Johnson, James M. Ball, George L. Christian, H. Theodor, John W. Gordon, B. M. Gwathmey, Thomas L. Moore, L. Z. Morris, R. F. Patterson, H. Seldon Taylor, F. Sitterling, Granville G. Valentine, P. Whitlock and William H. Zimmermann.

The following officers were elected: President, F. Sitterling, vice-president, James M. Ball, vice-president and cashier, George W. Watt, assistant cashier.

Stockholders of the Union Bank of Richmond also met yesterday, electing the following directors for the coming year: Charles Davenport, R. Arrington, S. W. Tompkins, Howell Alsop, T. William Pemberton and J. B. Beasley. The directors re-elected J. B. Beasley president and George W. Call cashier. A capital and surplus of \$500,000 was reported, with deposits aggregating \$1,500,000.

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## TURPIN DECIDES UNIQUE LANDPOINT

Citizen Must Pay for Negligence When He Did Not Know It Existed.

### SUIT OVER DEATH OF HORSE

Electrocuted by Wire Which Was Grounded on Chandelier.

Citizens having electric fixtures in their residences are liable for any damage that may be incurred, whether it appears on their property or not, and whether they are cognizant of any defect or not, according to a decision rendered yesterday by Civil Justice Turpin. The suit was that of Yeaman against the City of Richmond, the Virginia Railway and Power Company and William Breling, and the court's decision gave Mr. Yeaman a verdict of damages in the sum of \$225, Breling being held responsible.

Joseph B. Yeaman, a West End grocer, was owner of a delivery wagon driven by a negro boy, on August 30 last—a rainy day. This wagon was driven through an alley between Grove and Floyd Avenues, Park and Allen Avenues. Just when turning into a cross alley, without coming into contact with any pole, wire or other fixture, the horse jumped suddenly as though badly shocked, and fell dead. The driver and others who came to the assistance of the animal were shocked, and it being evident that there was some electrical disturbance, the Virginia Railway and Power Company was notified.

On a nearby pole a transformer was found to be in good working order. Tests of line after line showed all in good condition until a leak was shown in the line leading to the house of William V. D. Breling, also a grocer by trade, living at 1828 Floyd Avenue. Following this line, the electricians found a "ground" or defective connection in a combination gas and electric chandelier on the second floor of Mr. Breling's home. Mr. Breling could have had no knowledge of the defect, as the lights in his house burned properly when turned on, and his bill for the previous month had not shown any evidence of leakage of current. The chandelier was put up in November, 1908, after having been passed upon by city inspectors, and has since worked satisfactorily.

**Traced Grounded Current.**

Examination by electricians both for the city and for the Virginia Railway and Power Company traced the grounded current through the gas-pipes and across Mr. Breling's yard and into the alley. Here peculiar conditions had left a dry spot, which the charge of 110 volts was not strong enough to drive through. The horse in walking through this alley bridged this gap with his body, and the entire current passed through the animal, electrocuting it instantly. It was testified that the body of a horse offers a very low resistance, and that a current of this voltage, even had a man straddled the gap, would only have shocked without killing him.

Mr. Yeaman filed a claim for his horse, valued at \$225, jointly against the city, the power company and the neighbor, whose unconscious negligence had caused the damage. The car company put on witnesses to show that its transformer was in good working order, and current supplied at the residence of Mr. Breling. The city inspectors told of having properly tested the installation in Mr. Breling's house when first put in, and when it was found to be in good order. The grounded current in chandeliers used jointly for gas and electricity was stated to be not uncommon.

Mr. Yeaman was represented by David Meade White, Assistant Attorney Anderson appearing for the city, and John B. Gayle for Mr. Breling. Mr. Gayle gave notice of appeal to the Law and Equity Court.

**TO PROTECT ROBINS**

Monster Petition Coming to Legislature from Public Schools.

In the hope of preserving from sure extermination the robins of the city, a monster petition to the General Assembly, is being circulated in the public schools of the city asking that a law be passed to prohibit the killing of this singer at any time of the year. The petition, when presented, will contain thousands of names, and will have the hearty support of the State Educational Board as well as the various Audubon societies.

To a certain extent the slaughter of robins is forbidden in Virginia, but the law only applies to eight or nine months of the year.

The petition is coming in now in sections at the rate of one hundred a day. It is being collected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, under whose care the different sections will be compiled and offered to the General Assembly.

**Found Dead in Bed.**

Wiley W. Walke, sixty-five years old, a druggist, was found dead in bed at his home, 16 South Pine Street, yesterday morning. Coroner Taylor directed the body and pronounced death due to natural causes. He leaves one son, Wiley S. Walke, and a stepdaughter, Miss Lucy Walke.

**DO YOUR PART**

In cleaning up the snow and slush on our Richmond streets without waiting for the city to enforce the ordinance compelling every tenant and property owner to do so.

Let our civic pride, of which we hear so much, have a practical demonstration which will benefit us all. If every citizen will sweep before his own door, all streets will be clean.

**The American National Bank**  
of Richmond, Virginia.

wants to work with you for a Greater Richmond and a Cleaner Richmond. With regard to the city's development and yours we are offering you Security and Service; with regard to the city's cleanliness we are asking you to DO YOUR PART.

**Court Orders Acquittal.**

Sam Mark Woods, colored, was acquitted of an alleged criminal attack upon a young white girl yesterday morning by the jury of the Henrico county Circuit Court upon the instructions of Judge Charles Scott. The action of the court followed the testimony of the alleged victim, whose testimony was contradicted by other testimony given on the stand.

## CUSSENS GIVES ALL TO HIS NIECE

Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fletcher Inherits Entire Glen Allen Property.

### OTHER KIN NOT MENTIONED

Will Expressly States That No Appraisement of Estate Shall Be Made.

By the last will and testament of Captain John Cussons, filed for probate yesterday morning in the clerk's office of the Henrico county Circuit Court, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Fletcher, his niece, was made the sole heir to all his estate, personal, real or mixed. There seems to be no question that this will, written on April 28, 1907, is the last one Captain Cussons made.

The will is short and concise, there being no codicils and no other heirs mentioned except Miss Fletcher. He expressly forbade in the will any appraisement of his estate, but it is universally estimated to be very valuable. The niece, who is the sole heir, is also made executrix of the estate, and the will was witnessed by W. R. Maestri, A. W. Garber and F. T. Sutton. The document itself is a model for clearness and brevity, the whole occupying but a part of one type-written page. After the beginning the testator describes himself as Captain John Cussons, a native of Great Britain, a scout leader under General Hood, in the armies of the Confederacy, and naturalized son of Virginia. Following this short sketch of his life, there are three clauses. In the first, he bequeaths all his lands, or near, or distant, in the city of Richmond, and all his buildings and furnishings on them, all his estate and property, of every sort and description, real, personal or mixed, to Sarah Elizabeth Fletcher, the daughter of his sister Emily.

**Can't Appraise Property.**

In the second clause, of only one line, he appoints Miss Fletcher executrix of the estate. The third and last clause contains the short and unqualified statement that he "expressly orders that no appraisement of his estate shall be made."

While there is no accurate way of estimating the estate left by Captain Cussons, the land and buildings at Glen Allen alone are of considerable value. In addition to this, he owned other lands, property, and a number of which falls to Miss Fletcher, although Captain Cussons fostered a number of pet schemes and philanthropies during his lifetime, there is no provision made for the endowment of any of them in the will, nor are there legacies for any of his other nephews and nieces. Miss Fletcher is represented by Judge George L. Christian.

Speaking generally, real estate men said yesterday that the Cussons estate is worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is understood that Captain Cussons recently refused an offer of \$50,000 for his Forest Lodge property.

## MANY ARRIVE FOR CONVENTION

State Veterinary Medical Association Begins Sessions To-Day.

The annual session of the Virginia State Veterinary Medical Association will begin this morning at 9 o'clock in Murphy's Hotel. At 1 o'clock, a recess will be taken for luncheon, which will be served by the association to the visiting members and their friends in the dining-room of the hotel. Dr. George Ben Johnston will be toastmaster. The president of the association is Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, who is also State Veterinarian and a member of the State Veterinary Examining Board.

The afternoon session of the association will be devoted to addresses by experts on subjects pertaining to the veterinary profession. Dr. George C. Faville, of Norfolk, will speak on "Veterinary Jurisprudence." "Veterinary Education" will be the theme of an address by Dr. N. S. Mayo. Other speakers and their topics are: "City Meat Inspection," J. P. Baldwin; "Tick Eradication," Dr. T. M. Owen; "Tuberculin Testing of Cattle," W. D. Saunders; "The Veterinarian as a Politician," Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough; "Treatment of Capped Hocks," Dr. J. H. Sweeney; "Practical Surgery," Dr. M. Pace Smith; "Acute Gastro-Intestinal Catarrh in Cattle," Dr. E. W. Miller. Papers will be read during the convention by Drs. Henry Foster, W. E. Miller, J. R. Meyerhoeffer, E. H. Drake, R. E. Ferneyhough, C. K. Rhodes, J. A. Garvey and C. E. Finney.

Examinations for license to practice veterinary and medical science in Virginia were taken yesterday by about twenty applicants under the direction of the State Veterinary Examining Board, consisting of Drs. S. C. Neff, of Staunton, president; H. Bannister, of Roanoke, secretary; H. S. Willis, of Rapidan; Thomas Frazer, of Richmond, and J. G. Ferneyhough, of Burkeville.

The high standards raised for the practice of this profession by the State Veterinary Board is making the successful passing of the examination more difficult every year, and is elevating the merit of the men who are practicing veterinary science in this State.

### SAY SHE STOLE CLOTHES

Negress Said to Have Admitted Taking Things from Shopkeeper.

Theresa Boyd, colored, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective-Sergeant Wiltshire and Detective Krenzel on a charge of stealing clothing, valued at considerable more than \$100, from Mrs. I. E. Travis, of 317 East Franklin Street, by whom she was employed as a domestic.

The negress was found by the officers at her home, 223 Graham Street. She is said to have admitted her guilt and shown the detective where she had hidden the property, which included suits, dresses, hats and a pair of shoes.

The woman was locked up at the Second Station and a charge of grand larceny entered against her, while the stolen property was taken to police headquarters and will be used as evidence against her in Police Court this morning.

## Gans-Rady Company's Special Friday Sale Will Offer To-Day

- At \$4.95—Broken lots of Boys' Long Overcoats, ages 12 to 18, worth up to \$12.50.
- At \$4.95—Broken lots of Children's Overcoats and Reefers, worth up to \$8.50.
- At \$2.45—Broken lots of Children's Overcoats and Reefers, worth up to \$5.00.
- At \$2.95—Children's Whippoor Reefers, worth up to \$6.50.
- At \$3.95—Children's Tan Top Coats, worth up to \$8.50.
- At \$4.95—Boys' Tan Top Coats, worth up to \$12.50.
- At \$2.95—Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, worth \$4.50.
- At \$3.95—Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, worth \$6.50.
- At \$4.95—Boys' Knickerbocker Suits, worth \$7.50.
- At 65c—Boys' Knickerbocker Pants, worth \$1.00.
- At \$16.00—Men's Light and Heavyweight Overcoats, worth up to \$28.00.
- At \$10.00—Broken lots of Men's Winter Weight Overcoats, worth \$18.00.
- At \$12.50—Broken lots of Men's Winter Weight Overcoats, worth up to \$25.00.
- At \$16.00—Men's Blue, Black and Mixed Suits, worth \$28.00.
- At \$2.95—Men's Extra Trousers, worth \$4.50.
- At \$1.95—Men's Velour Hats, worth \$3.00.
- At \$1.00—Men's Walking Gloves, worth \$1.50.
- At 79c—Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, worth \$1.00.
- At 89c—Men's Soft Bosom Colored Shirts, worth \$1.50.
- At 75c—For half dozen Men's Black and Tan Hose, worth 25c pair.
- At 39c—Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, worth 75c a garment.

## Gans-Rady Company

## SNOW PROBLEM IN POLICE COURT

Citizens Haled There Will Ask Why City Isn't Put in Jail for Same Offense.

Many of the citizens who have been summoned to appear in Police Court to-morrow morning to show cause why they should not be fined for permitting sidewalk snow to remain in front of their premises are expected to make a warm, for somebody. In the first place, they cannot understand why a mere handful have been haled to court when a thousand or more have paid no regard to snow or snow regulations. Then, the question of the constitutionality of the ordinance will be raised.

But with evidence of their own the citizens will ask why in common justice the city of Richmond should attempt to punish them when the city of Richmond is equally as guilty. They will refer to the fact—and they will have witnesses there to support it—that the city has not cleaned the snow from the sidewalks in front of city buildings. They will point with pride to the handsome John Marshall High School, occupying a whole block, which is completely surrounded by sidewalks, on which the snow and sleet and ice are so thick and so slick that it is so thick that it is dangerous to navigate. They are dangerous to navigation. And they will ask if they—private citizens—are to be fined, why not the same penalty be inflicted by Justice Crutchfield on the city of Richmond and the School Board? Some bright young police court lawyer, whose efforts at oratory have been chilled by the recent cold, is expected to fairly rip the air as he speaks for the downtrodden—as he appeals for justice and a fair deal for all. It promises to be some session. This same lawyer can go back into newspaper files and dig up the fact that school and city janitors have asked for higher pay, which they got, yet the snow is still there and the smoke comes out the chimney just the same. It will mean that the Associated Charities and the missions must prepare to handle another trying situation, for the cold has been prolonged and the poor people are not yet over their first suffering.

The skies yesterday threatened to bring another heavy fall of snow, though late in the afternoon the sun did its best to break through. It was misty and cold last night.

**Walter Christian Ill.**

Walter Christian, clerk of the Huntings Creek, was yesterday confined to his home by an attack of tonsillitis. His condition was not regarded as serious, but it is expected that he will be able to be out in a few days.

**To the West Indies**

Two cruises, 28 days each, \$150.00 and up. Two cruises, 21 days each, \$125.00 and up. One cruise, 16 days, \$85.00 and up.

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